Marathon abandons two Gulf of Mexico wells

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Marathon Oil Co. said Wednesday two exploratory wells it drilled in the deep waters of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico failed to uncover any oil or natural gas.

Marathon said Paris Carver and Flathead exploratory wells, both of which it may permanently abandon, are located in Green Canyon Block 601 and Walker Ridge Block 30, respectively.

Paris Carver was drilled to a total depth of 24,120 feet in 4,572 feet of water, while Flathead was drilled to a total depth of 28,043 feet in 6,556 feet of water.

The Paris Carver well has been plugged and abandoned, it said. The Flathead well, too, has been abandoned but the company said it would consider reentering the well after additional technical studies.

Marathon was operator of both exploratory wells.

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